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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Kent Guest

**INDIANA MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR ATTEMPTING TO
ARRANGE TO HAVE SEX WITH CHILDREN OVER THE INTERNET**

Stephen J. Murphy, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, announced that Kent Guest, 67 of Frankfort, Indiana was sentenced in Federal District Court today for his conviction on one count of Travel with Intent to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct with a minor. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Andrew G. Arena, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Guest was sentenced today by the United States District Judge John Corbett O'Meara to 120 months in Federal Prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

The following facts were disclosed to the court at the time of the guilty plea and during sentencing elocution:

From July through September 2005, Defendant Guest engaged in a series of online conversations with an undercover FBI agent whom he believed to be a single mother of two young daughters ages 3 and 5. He indicated a desire to engage in sex with the children, as

well as their mother. Guest proposed specific acts of oral sex and digital penetration that he would engage in with both the "mother" and her two daughters.

As a result of the conversations Guest traveled to the Detroit area to meet with the woman and her daughters on September 23, 2005. Upon his arrival, Guest was arrested by authorities from the FBI. At the time of his arrest, He was in possession of a particular type of beer that he had been requested to bring as well as Cialis, a prescription drug that assists sexual performance.

During the execution of the warrant in Guest'S home, FBI agents seized a computer, on which they found child pornography and evidence of contacts with others on-line whom Guest communicated about incest and sexual contact with children.

United States Attorney Stephen Murphy said, "Mr. Guest's interest both in images that memorialize child abuse and his attempts to contact and meet with children for sex acts cannot be tolerated in our society. Guest's conduct in developing an on-line relationship with a single mother in hopes of securing access to her children that he intended to abuse is deplorable. The lengthy sentence handed down in this case amply demonstrates those points. Accordingly, prosecution and sentencing of Mr. Guest provide substance to the notions that our Child Protection Initiative is working, that criminals who engage in similar conduct will be aggressively prosecuted, and that the United States Attorney's Office will do everything we can to keep the internet from functioning as a haven for child molesters."

Murphy praised the work of Special Agents of the FBI, whose dedication of time and skill necessary to work undercover to reveal these predators has been most successful. The FBI computer crimes unit, Murphy said, consistently demonstrates professionalism and dedication in their aggressive and thorough investigation of these cases.

Assistant United States Attorney John O'Brien, prosecuted case for the United States.